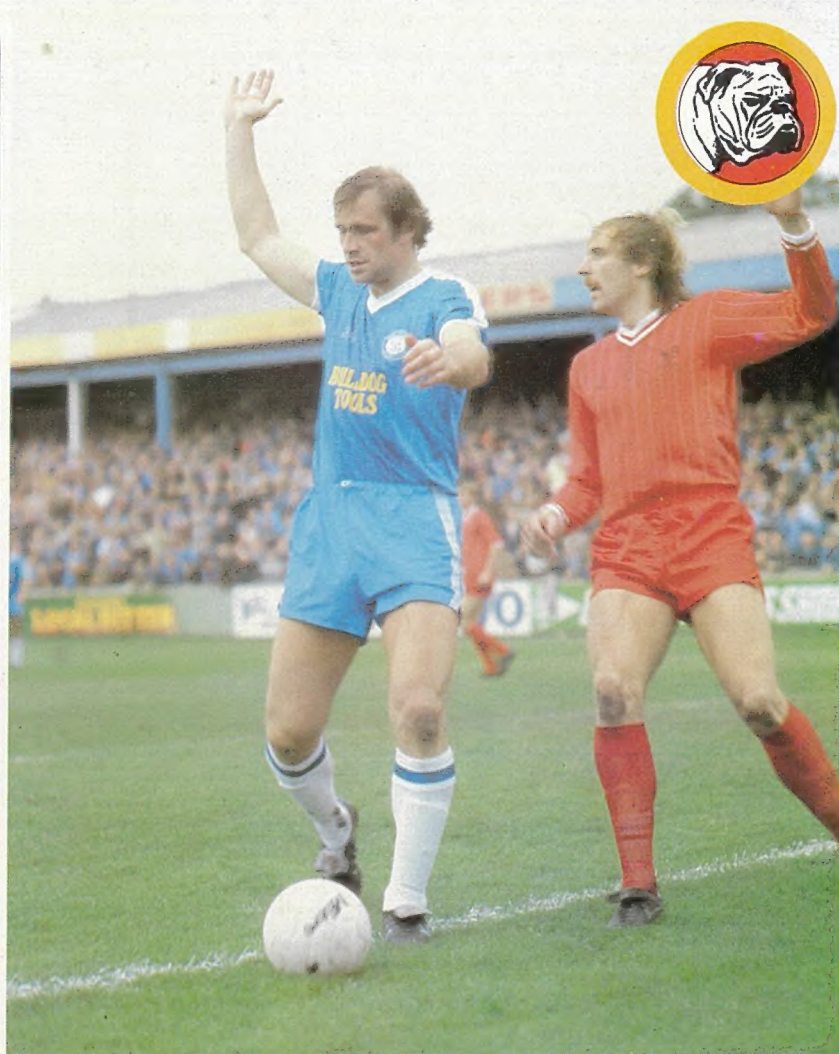


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HELLO again and welcome to today's match against Chesterfield. For the second consecutive Saturday we face opposition from the lower third of the table and let us hope that we learned our lesson last week. After poor results at Christmas against teams from around the relegation zone, we put together four good wins against teams reputed to be better than us. Then, to cap it all, we returned to our losing ways against the team in twentieth position.

Last week's defeat was nothing to do with a strange jinx or with the absence of good luck charms — it was down to the fact that we were not ruthless enough in front of goal and then we let

Doncaster close us down and deny us space. In the first twenty minutes we looked a good bet for a three goal win, but we failed to put the ball away. We have to be more selfish in attack and the lads will have to show the kind of hunger to get on the scoresheet that hallmarks top professional strikers.

Once they got their goal from a break-away, we seemed to lose our way and to believe in jinxes and hoodoos. Whilst I will admit that we seemed to lose out when it came to the bounce of the ball, I'm a great believer in the fact that you make your own luck and talk of fate has no place in my team talks. Hard work, determination and commitment win matches, not rabbit's feet. The only feet that can score for us are covered in Dunlop boots, not fur.

I must admit to being disappointed with the size of the crowd last week. After four good wins I had hoped for a 5,000 crowd, but it was not to be. But I must thank all of you who came and I would ask you to remember that your vocal support helped us to win promotion last season. As it is our home form that is letting us down this year, give us an extra cheer and just remember the times when, urged on by your cheering, we've come from behind to win.

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THIRD DIVISION

Round Up

by Harold Ashurst

A NUMBER of Third Division clubs were hit by damage this week caused by the gale force winds which swept the country.

Most hard hit of all were Bradford City, who suffered damage running into many thousands of pounds when one of the floodlight pylons collapsed at their Valley Parade ground.

Thankfully no-one was injured when the pylon toppled on Tuesday night, but there could have been horrific repercussions if the accident had happened just 24 hours later — because City were due to play at home to Sheffield United and the terraces would have been packed.

Another club hit this week were Brentford who suffered a fire at their ground on Wednesday morning with damage again running into thousands of pounds.

On the football side of things, the transfer of Joe Hinnigan to Preston has taken an even more mysterious turn.

Hinnigan hasn't played for the Deepdale club because of a thigh injury since he signed for Gordon Lee at the end of the year, and last week, the Preston manager admitted that they were told there was a certain risk involved when they took the former Latics defender from Sunderland for £15,000.

But Preston are now confident that Hinnigan is making progress and should be ready for his long awaited debut pretty soon.

Reading completed the £10,000 signing of Gillingham striker Ken Price just in time for him to make his debut against leaders Lincoln last week.

However Reading still have five first team men sidelined through injury, including the country's leading scorer, 27 goal Kerry Dixon.

Huddersfield have re-signed former player Mick Laverick who has gone back to Leeds Road on a month's loan from York City.

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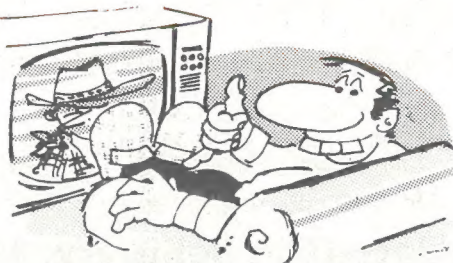
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Tuesday, 15th February, 1983

WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- EXETER CITY

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

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Friday, 18th February, 1983

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**ON
FILE**

MR. KEN BATES' comments on soccer hooliganism in the papers last week had been recorded in this column a few weeks ago and I think it is therefore appropriate to give his thoughts on the problems of football some more space.

Here, then, in his submission to the Chester Committee on the League Organisation and who is to blame for the financial problems of clubs.

LEAGUE ORGANISATION

Unlike some, Chelsea believes that the League needs the smaller Clubs.

Those agitating for a reduction in numbers should remember that in order to be successful you need a lot of Clubs around to beat on the way to the top. Before Spurs beat Q.P.R. in the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley last year Darlington knocked out Wigan Athletic in the First Round.

There has to be a First Round before you can have a Final.

Blame for the financial difficulties of most Clubs must be laid fairly and squarely at the door of the individual Boards of Directors.

Huge bank borrowings sometimes supported by Directors personal guarantees (who never thought they would be called in) combined with Manager's allowed by Directors to go on personality cult-making ego trips is a simple recipe for financial disaster.

There is some talk that small Clubs are holding back the big Clubs, but it is the big Clubs who are in deep financial trouble.

Did Halifax Town spend £1 million on a player last year? Did Oldham Athletic build a £2 million stand with borrowed

money repayable on demand bearing high interest rates?

No new rules are required to resolve the present situation.

The crisis is already passing as one by one, Clubs put their financial house in order, in some cases accompanied by a change of ownership or Board who bring in fresh capital on a once and for all basis and then apply commonsense business principles. There are some suggestions that restrictions or supervision should be placed on individual Clubs operations, but as we all know, the moment a rule is introduced, methods are found to circumvent them and often the worst offenders are the most outspoken defenders of those self same rules.

The only financial restrictions necessary in soccer have already been introduced.

(a) By the banks who have told Clubs to finance their own trading as they are no longer willing to make the money available.

(b) The commonsense introduction of the rule at the last AGM of transfer fees — 50% down and the balance within 12 months.

This latter has resulted in a collapse of the transfer market and a return to sanity — the only victims are those left holding overpriced players on their hands. This is a natural phenomenon in any post boom collapse, and will be resolved over the next two seasons as individual Clubs face up to reality and take their losses on player values (which already exist whether they accept it or not).

Cheers, Colin Burke.



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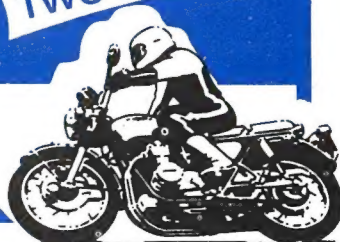
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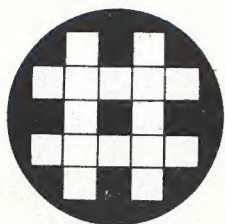
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PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 18

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go:

Former Wales manager; 1970 World Cup runners-up; Shrewsbury colour; Chester's nickname

CLUB CLUE No. 18

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a famous foreign club:

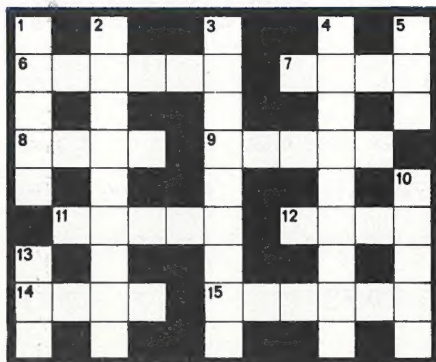
They can be seen nearby for a change.

MIXED DOUBLES No. 18

Re-order the letters in each of the words **RESHARE** and **CHEAP** to find the names of two men called David.

QUICK QUIZ No. 18

1. Who was ITV's 1982 World Cup final commentator?
2. Which famous Scot jumped under a train in 1957?
3. Fulham Broadway Underground station serves which club?
4. Which club is at home at Feethams Ground?
5. Who, until 1982, was the current longest-serving manager in the First Division?



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 18 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

- 6 & 7. Which club belongs with Crewe Alexandra, Halifax Town, Oxford United and Wrexham? (6,4)
8. They're one way of getting the ball past an opponent (4)
9. National Federation of Football Supporters' --- (5)
11. West Ham's top scorer last season, he moved on to a club which was once graced by ... (5)
12. ... this former industrious England inside-forward who had begun his career at nearby Bury (4)
14. Striker who played through the 1970s serving Everton, Bradford City, Chester, Cambridge, Rochdale and Port Vale (4)
15. Playing well (2,4)

DOWN

1. Midfielder who turned out for Bournemouth and Leicester last season, having previously left the latter club for a spell with Notts County (5)
2. Old Manchester City defender who played on with and subsequently managed Wrexham (3,6)
3. Training wear? (9)
4. Club promoted in 1979 ... relegated in 1980 ... promoted in 1981 ... and relegated in 1982! (9)
5. Training where? (3)
10. Old Wolves, Arsenal, Stoke, Peterborough and England wing-half (5)
13. --- Curtis, former Charlton and Mansfield long-service defender (3)

Answers on page 12.



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THE LOCAL VIEW



BY GEOFF KEMP

BETHEL were given a little breathing space at the top of the Wigan Amateur League at the weekend.

Winning 8-1 themselves they saw close rivals Aspull and Wigan Youth both only manage draws. But while Bethel gained a point on their two title challengers the battle between them is still very much on — and not only in the League itself.

Last week's draw for the first round of the Amateur League's "FA Cup" — the Laithwaite Shield — amazingly threw together four of the League's top clubs. Bethel find themselves facing Aspull in a game which would have made an admirable final. Wigan Youth, meanwhile, will have their work cut out to dispose of Walmsleys, the fellow Premier Division side who have taken points off both Bethel and Aspull in the past fortnight.

On Saturday it was Aspull's turn to be frustrated by Walmsleys as they pushed forward but were denied by a brilliant display by goalkeeper Bentham. The

game finished a goalless draw. Wigan Youth also had a shock when held to a 2-2 draw by Ince PC — the Ince equaliser coming in the last minute from Andrews, who started the game in goal but was switched when a substitution was made! Bethel meanwhile were making short work of Lamberhead with hat-tricks from Edwards and Whitfield helping them to a 8-1 win.

Away from the Amateur League young players locally will soon be fighting for the Under-sixteens five-a-side trophy at the Latics Leisure Centre here at Springfield Park. Ian Gillibrand is running the competition again after the success of last year's event and it is open to any team, whether private, a school side, scouts, or youth club. Teams will be five players and two reserves (all under the age of 16 on August 1 this year) and entries, with an entry fee of £5, must be in by March 1 at the very latest.

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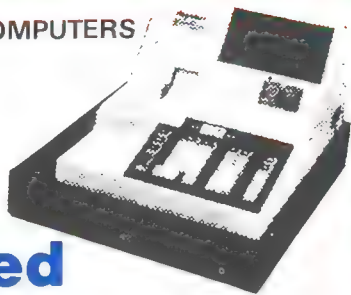
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SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE PAGE

SOCCER NINETY-NINER No. 18 - Across - 6 & 7. Exeter City ('x' in the name); 8. Iobs, 9. Clubs, 1.1. Cross (Manchester City), 12. Bell, 14. Owen, 15. in form. Down: 1. Kelly, 2. Ken Barnes, 3. tracksuit, 4. Wimbledon, 5. gym, 10. Clamp, 13. Bob. ON THE BALL No. 18 - Smith, Italy, amber, Seals. CLUB CLUE No. 18 - Bayern (Munich) anag. MIXED DOUBLES No. 18 - Shearer, Peach. QUICK QUIZ No. 18 - 1. Martin Tyler, 2. Hughie Gallacher, 3. Chelsea, 4. Darlington, 5. Bobby Robson.

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Graham Barrow gets his effort blocked by some good goalkeeping against Doncaster. Photo by courtesy of Mr. C.J. Higgins.

What the papers say...

THE SUNDAY MIRROR Wigan Athletic 0 Doncaster Rovers 3.

It was a case of "Oh, Brother" as Wigan crashed after four successive wins. For the Rovers' goals came from Ian Snodin and big brother Glynn to give lowly Doncaster sweet revenge for a 6-3 home defeat last September.

Disappointing Wigan did all the early attacking. Doncaster made only three first half raids and scored twice.

Ian Snodin hit the first after 23 minutes and had a hand in the second in the 40th minute.

Terry Austin's shot rebounded off a Wigan defender and Glynn Snodin promptly tucked the ball past Roy Tunks.

Dennis Peacock saved John Butler's shot and Jimmy Weston missed a great chance to put them back in it.

Then Colin Methven fouled substitute Gary Little seven minutes from time and Glynn Snodin wrapped it up from the penalty spot.

The News of the World WIGAN TWIN BLOW

Wigan's charge at the League table was dramatically halted by brothers Ian and Glynn Snodin, who bagged all three goals.

With four successive wins behind them — including the scalp of leaders Lincoln — Wigan's bubble was burst by confident Rovers, who registered only their second away win of the season.

The result looked a formality as lively Wigan surged forward with a strong wind behind them and tore Rovers' defence apart in the first 20 minutes.

But they found Doncaster 'keeper Dennis Peacock in tremendous form. He made a fingertip save to deny Eamon O'Keefe and then dived to block a fierce drive by striker John Butler.

Despite having skipper Clive Wigginton side-lined by injury,

Rovers managed to keep their composure and stole into the lead after 23 minutes, when a breakaway move was finished off by Ian Snodin, side-footing 'keeper Roy Tunks.

Wigan's play became frantic as they struggled to recover from the shock and five minutes before the break elder brother Glynn Snodin grabbed Doncaster's second, hammering in a shot from close range after brother Ian had created the opening with a 40-yards run.

With the wind and two goals behind them after the restart, Doncaster took command, with full-backs Glynn Snodin and Billy Russell often joining the attack.

To make Wigan's humiliation complete Doncaster added a third seven minutes from time, Glynn Snodin beating Roy Tunks from the penalty spot after Methven impeded Garry Liddell.

What you say...

Jim Shirley, Haigh.

I was bitterly disappointed, as were the rest of the people around me in the stand. The players all looked a bit lackadaisical. What puzzled me was the way they were congregating in midfield. Even young Lowe and Butler seemed to end up there, so that when the defence made a quick clearance, there was no one to get it, and even if it was too high. Lowe is best with the ball at his feet and he and Butler look most dangerous running at defenses from wide. But they ended up in the centre,

as did Peter Houghton soon after he came on. Still, we know we can play better so I'm not too worried. One thing a few of us have been saying for five years is about our throw-ins. We've never got them right and it's almost an advantage to the opposition when we get one.

Peter Parkin, Ince.

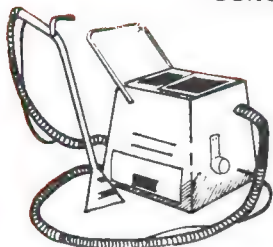
I left early for the first time in years. I was sick. In the first twenty minutes I thought we were going to murder them. But

then they got the breakaway and that was that. Can somebody explain to me how the same team can play like a Second Division outfit in one match and end up looking like a Fourth Division team in the next game? Will I be here next week? Of course, I've watched them when they're brilliant. They seem a great set of lads and I was disappointed for them as well on Saturday but more disappointed for the fans.

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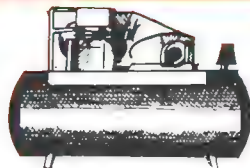
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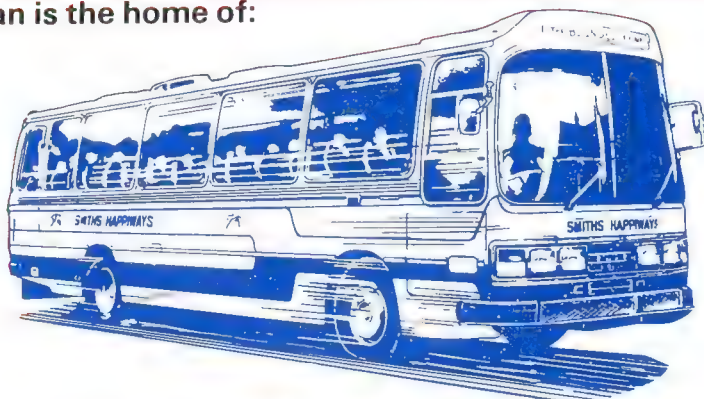


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CHESTERFIELD, our visitors today, are a very old Club — they were formed way back in 1866 — became a Limited Company in 1871 and turned professional in 1891. They were elected to Division 2 in 1899 but failed to gain re-election in 1909. Eventually they became founder members of the newly formed Division 3 (N) in 1921. They have had two spells in Division 2 1931-1933

and 1936-1951.

The Chesterfield ground known as the Recreation Ground has a ground capacity of 19,750 (12,000 under cover) — Pitch measurements being 114 yd. x 72 yd.

The Club nickname is "Blues" or "Spireites" the latter word obviously originating from the famous crooked spire in the town.

RUSSELL ATHERSYCH: Born

Sheffield. Former South Yorkshire signed apprentice 1979. An English signed professional 1980. Made his debut and looks to have ahead of him.

GARY BELLAMY: Former Worksop, joined Chesterfield

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CHESTERFIELD



son. Middle Row:
coach). Front Row:
e, Sean O'Neill.

Sheffield Boys and
Boys player who
e forms in May
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ve a bright future

Y: Born Worksp.
Boys captain who
eld from school.

Signed full-time in July 1980, making his debut at the end of the 80/81 season. Made 25 league appearances last season and impressed many people with a maturity beyond his years.

BILL GREEN: Born Newcastle. Joined Hartlepool United from school, staying there four seasons before moving into the 1st Division with Carlisle United for a bargain of £16,500. In June 1976 moved to West Ham United for £90,000 but at the start of the 1978/79 season joined Peterborough United for £60,000. Signed for Chesterfield in June 1979 for a then Club record fee. A P.F.A. award winner in 1979/80. Team captain and player/coach.

PAUL GREGORY: Born Sheffield. A promising young goalkeeper who has developed through the Club's ranks. Made an impressive debut in the 1981 Anglo/Scottish Cup Final and looks to be another in the Chesterfield goalkeeping production line.

MARTIN HENDERSON: Born Kirkcaldy. A Scottish Schools and Professional Youth international, he joined Glasgow Rangers from School and played an important part in their fantastic treble of League, Cup and League Cup in 1975-76. Spent a summer in the U.S.A. with Philadelphia Furries before re-joining his former Rangers boss Jock Wallace at Leicester City. Helped them to the 1979-80 2nd Division Championship before joining Chesterfield in September 1981.

ANDY KOWALSKI: Born Mansfield. A former England Boys Clubs international, Andy joined Chesterfield as an amateur in December 1971, signing full-time in December 1972. Made his debut in March 1973 and has held a regular first-team place ever since. Is the Club's current longest serving player and will this season be enjoying a well-deserved testimonial.

JOHN PARTRIDGE: Born Chester-

field. Former Chesterfield Boys and Derbyshire Boys player who signed apprentice forms in May 1979. Signed junior professional forms in July 1980, making his debut towards the end of last season.

GARY POLLARD: Born Staveley. A product of the Club's youth policy, now in his sixth year as a professional. A former England Youth trialist and a promising central defender who is now pressing for a permanent place in the first team's back-four.

JOHN TURNER: Born Gateshead. Began his career with Derby County but had to seek loan spells at Doncaster, Peterborough and Huddersfield to gain first-team experience. Moved to Reading in May 1975 and was a member of their 1975/76 promotion squad. Signed for Torquay in August 1978 and his outstanding form there prompted Chesterfield to pay a then Club record fee for his services in February, 1980. Was a P.F.A. award winner 1979/80 season.

DANNY WILSON: Born Wigan. Was originally on schoolboy forms at Sunderland but came to prominence after moving to the then non-league Wigan Athletic with whom he won a Northern Premier League championship medal. Bury snapped him up for a bargain fee in the summer of 1977 and he soon became one of the most sought-after midfielders in the lower divisions. Signed for Chesterfield for a Club record six-figure fee in July 1980. P.F.A. award winner and "Player of the Year" for the last two seasons.

DAVID WINDRIDGE: Born Atherstone. Signed from Sheffield United on transfer deadline day in March 1980. An aggressive attacking player, he made his League debut at the end of the 1980/81 season and last season earned himself a regular first-team place until sidelined by injury in the later stages of the campaign.

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Also on Monday we are starting the voting for your choice of Latics "Player of the Year". The award will be made by Elton Welsby at our player's night in April.

F.A. COCA-COLA SUPER SKILLS

The Coke starts again on Saturday, 19th February at 9.00 a.m. for new starters, 10 and 11.00 for others. If you have any friends who want to come to the Coke, bring them along. Everyone is welcome.

TODAY'S MASCOT

Our mascot for today is Sean Fishwick who attends Mere Oaks School. Sean's hobbies are football, cricket, snooker and train spotting. His favourite player is David Glenn.

Have a nice day Sean.

John Fillingham, Chairman.



JUNIOR LATICS



Half Time Gossip

AN extraordinary meeting of the Football League has been arranged for 24th February to discuss the question of television. It is anticipated that a much improved new contract will be presented at the meeting, but some smaller clubs are wondering whether or not the bigger clubs will have grabbed the lions share of the fee.

★ ★ ★
Latics have decided to enter for the Lancashire Senior Cup which is to be held prior to the start of the 1983/84 League Season and is organised for professional clubs in the country.

★ ★ ★
Scouts from Arsenal, West Bromwich Albion, Birmingham City and Southampton were watching the Latics youngsters at last week's game against Doncaster Rovers. Pity they didn't have much to rave about.

★ ★ ★
Those who cite West German success as evidence in favour of a smaller First Division might be interested to hear the views of Gunter Netzer. The Hamburg manager, bemoaning last Saturday's crowd of 15,000 for the visit of Nuremburg, said the Bundesliga should be cut from 18 clubs to 12. Where, we wonder, will it all end?

The trouble with Hamburg, as with Liverpool, is that they are in a class of their own. Unbeaten in 36 Bundesliga matches stretching back a year, they are scoring goals at the Liverpoolian rate of 2.5 per match. Yet their

supporters have become blasé. The average attendance at the Volkspark is under 23,000, some 10,000 down on last season.

★ ★ ★
Les Bradd's month at Bristol Rovers was not the best twenty-eight days he has spent in his life. He played in only one game, in which Rovers were beaten by Cardiff, and was side-lined with a hamstring injury for the rest of the loan period. But I suppose he still has something to look back on — he scored in every game he played for the Bristol club.

★ ★ ★
One of the members of the England Youth Squad coaching staff should have reason to recognise David Lowe when he joins the squad at Lilleshall next Monday. He's a certain Mr. Colin Murphy, against whose Lincoln side David scored in the Latics recent victory.

★ ★ ★
The Commercial Department receives letters from fans world-wide. They received a letter recently from a Mr. Sheffi Simcha, of Haifa, Israel. Sheffi has followed the Latics since their re-election to the Football League, and follows their progress closely, his only difficulty being the scarcity of British papers in Haifa. He was thrilled to see the club doing well and winning promotion, and is sure that under the management of Larry Lloyd the club will do well in the future.

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Goodbye and good luck to Deidre Phillpotts who has now taken up selling pies rather than lottery tickets. From all your friends at Springfield Park.

Many happy returns of the day to John Butler and Phil Williams who share the same birthday on Monday.

Happy Birthday to Kevin Sherridan, he of Pemp's fame, for last week. From C.T.B.

Many Happy Returns to Gail for last Tuesday. Love from Philip.

Happy 21st Birthday to John Butler for the 7th February. Best wishes from all your family. Enjoy your game today.

Happy 14th Birthday Darren for the 9th February. Love from Mum, Dad, Scott and Mark.

Best Wishes to Frank Thomas, of Leigh. From Bill, Margaret and Craig. All the best for the future.

All the best Charles for your 21st Birthday. Love from Mum, Dad and Stephanie.

Happy 18th Birthday to Mary Regan from Sheila and Chris. Congratulations.

Happy Birthday to Candida from all your friends in the Railway.

DON'T FORGET This is a free service for Latics Supporters. All messages should be handed in, or 'phoned through to the Club by the Monday morning before Saturday, and the Friday morning before mid-week games. Please make your messages as short as possible.

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ABOVE AND BELOW:

Youngsters Steve Walsh and David Lowe show their power in the air against Doncaster. Photos by courtesy of Mr. C.J. Higgins.





John McMahon puts in a good effort despite pressure from Doncaster's Stuart Robertson. Photo by courtesy of Mr. C.J. Higgins.



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Player Profile

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DAVID LOWE

"HOW can you do a profile on me?" questioned David Lowe when we interviewed him, "I haven't done anything yet." That is not quite true, but it is certainly David Lowe's past, rather than his future, which arouses most interest amongst Latics fans. On Monday he sets off for a three-day training session as part of a forty-two strong England Youth Squad, and yet just over twelve months ago he was without a team to play for.

Coming from a family with a typical Northern passion for the game, young "Lowey" was selected whilst playing for his school in Netherley to play for Liverpool Boys at Under-13 and Under-14 level. After that, despite joining the host of young lads training with Liverpool F.C., he failed to get into the Under-15 side and his football was restricted to school and local league level. But in October of 1981, his teacher, Mr. Barry Whitbread, recognised that the sixteen-year-old was developing his ability to score goals so well that he recommended him to his friend, Harry McNally. Both Harry and David Crompton watched the lad, liked what they saw and he was immediately selected for the Latics Youth Team. Plans for his apprenticeship were not made, however, until the next summer. David left school and started work, but the two coaches decided to get him in training with the

first team pre-season, so that Larry Lloyd, who had watched him several times during the year, could have a closer look. After a week's training, in which he kept scoring goals in practice matches, he was sent home with a letter to his father in which Mr. Lloyd offered the lad an apprenticeship.

The rest of the story is common knowledge. Injuries to first team regulars forced the manager to take a calculated risk and play him in the team against Reading. Despite a mediocre match, in which his inexperience showed, Larry Lloyd made the decision to carry on playing. "I'd seen enough of him in the reserves and in that game to believe that he would get better by playing". And that's just what happened.

The manager, however, is very cautious in his praises. "There have been lots of lads who have looked good at the beginning of their careers and then believed all the nonsense people talk about them. David is a very good player for his age, but he has got to work harder than he ever believed possible if he is to get to the top. But if he does work hard, he's got a chance!

Fortunately, those sentiments are echoed by the youngster's father and with that kind of support, he has most certainly "got a chance".

Central League



This column should be headed "Central League In-Action" as, due to the snow and high winds during the week, the home match against Sunderland was postponed.

LEAGUE TABLE AS AT 29th JANUARY, 1983

	DIVISION TWO						
Nottingham Forest	18	14	2	2	42	14	30
Bolton Wanderers	15	10	2	3	35	24	22
Sunderland	14	7	5	2	24	15	19
Burnley	13	8	3	2	21	15	19
Notts. County	14	6	3	5	25	30	15
Barnsley	13	5	3	5	24	20	13
Manchester City	15	6	1	8	22	26	13
Bradford City	14	4	4	6	24	27	12
Chesterfield	13	4	3	6	16	20	11
Rotherham United	14	4	3	7	18	22	11
Middlesbrough	13	5	0	8	16	20	10
Oldham Athletic	12	4	2	6	20	26	10
Wigan Athletic	13	4	2	7	14	22	10
Preston North End	13	5	0	8	26	40	10
Derby County	14	4	0	10	29	27	8
Port Vale	12	3	1	8	16	24	7

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SPOTLIGHT

GOOD afternoon.

Welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Chesterfield A.F.C. to Springfield Park today. We hope you all had a pleasant journey to Wigan.

The lists for the trip to Plymouth are now on the notice board in the club. The coach will leave the Supporters' Club at 7.30 a.m. Price for adults £11.65 and children £7.75. We will be stopping en-route at the Maltsters Arms in Exeter where lunches will be available, but are not included in the price. On the last trip to the South West we were made very welcome by the landlord of the Maltsters Arms who himself originates from the North West. The reason for the early departure is that we intend to be at the Maltsters by 12 noon and to leave for Plymouth at approximately 1.30 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT

Last Saturday Cass-Nova provided really top class entertainment. A good night was had by all, and it was good to see the club packed out once again.

Tomorrow night sees the Jimmy Carroll Band, our new resident six-piece group, so don't forget, every Sunday in February, everyone is welcome.

The demand for Supporters' Club badges has been very encouraging. These should be available in the near future, the price to be announced later.

Enjoy today's game, and don't forget, your club needs your continued support.

Call in for a drink and a lottery ticket after the game.

Chris Coffey,

Chairman.

FACTS + FIGURES

Home fixtures in capitals.
Wigan scores first

Player scoring bold.
† Player substituted.

* Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
† In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	FIXTURE	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1982																
Aug. 28	Lincoln City	A	1-2	3,196	Tunks	McMahon	Glen	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithen	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Aug. 30	Stockport (M.C. 1 leg)	A	1-1	3,418	Tunks	McMahon	Glen	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithen	Langley	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 4	BRENTFORD	H	3-2	5,012	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithen	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd†	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 7	BRADFORD CITY	H	3-2	5,362	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithen	Lodge	Barrow	Butler	Houghton	Rogers	Langley
Sept. 11	Cardiff C.	A	2-3	3,850	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithen	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 14	STOCKPORT (M.C. 1, 2 leg)	H	6-5	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithen	Langley	Butler	Bradd	Williams	Rogers	Wash
Sept. 18	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	1-2	4,866	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithen	Lodge	Langely	Bradd†	Houghton	Butler	Rogers
Sept. 25	Chesterfield	A	0-2	2,825	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithen	Langley	Butler†	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Rogers
Sept. 28	Doncaster Rovers	A	6-3	4,457	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithen	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton†	Gemmell	Butler
Oct. 2	PLYMOUTH A.	H	3-0	5,011	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithen	Langley†	Cribley	Bradd†	Houghton	Gemmell	Glen
Oct. 5	MANCHESTER CITY (M.C. 2, 1 leg)	H	1-1	12,194	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithen	Glen	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Langley
Oct. 9	SOUTHEND U.	H	4-0	4,704	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Langley	Glen	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Butler
Oct. 16	Bristol R.	A	0-4	4,439	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Langley	Glen	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Butler
Oct. 19	PORTSMOUTH	H	0-1	4,504	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithen	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Williams
Oct. 23	Reading	A	1-2	2,621	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Lowe	Lloyd†	Meithen	Butler	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Langley
Oct. 27	Manchester City (M.C. 2, 2nd leg)	A	0-2	16,083	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Lowe†	Wash	Meithen	Glen	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Butler
Oct. 30	NEWPORT C.	H	0-1	4,108	Tunks	McMahon	Glen	Lowe†	Wash	Meithen	Butler	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Langley
Nov. 3	Exeter City	A	1-2	2,399	Tunks	Langley	Glen	Butler	Wash	Meithen	Stoddart	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Lowe
Nov. 6	Orient	A	1-1	2,226	Tunks	Langley	Glen	Butler	Wash	Meithen	Stoddart	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Langley
Nov. 13	MILLWALL	H	3-1	4,456	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Steel	Wash	Meithen	Butler	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Sheldon
Nov. 21	TELFORD U (FA Cup 1st R)	H	0-0	4,805	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Butler	Cribley	Meithen	Stoddart	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Williams	Lowe
Nov. 23	Telford U (FA Cup 1st Rd Replay)	H	1-2	5,085	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Butler	Cribley	Meithen	Stoddart	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Williams	Lowe
Nov. 27	Gillingham	A	2-0	3,952	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Wash	Meithen	Sheldon	Slaw	Butler	Lowe	Weston	Williams
Dec. 4	SHEFFIELD U.	H	3-2	5,015	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Wash	Meithen	Butler	Slaw	Steep†	Lowe	Weston	Williams
Dec. 18	OXFORD UNITED	H	0-1	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	O'Keefe	Wash	Meithen	Glen	Langley	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Bradd
Dec. 27	Wrexham	A	1-1	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Wash	Meithen	Glen	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Bradd
Dec. 29	WALSALL	H	1-1	4,595	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley†	Langley	Wash	Meithen	Glen	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Bradd
1983																
Jan. 1	Preston NE	A	1-3	4,564	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley†	Langley	Wash	Meithen	Glen	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Bradd
Jan. 3	HUDDERSFIELD T	H	1-4	7,560	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Wash	Meithen	Glen†	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Lowe
Jan. 8	Brentford	A	2-0	7,641	Tunks	McMahon	Glen	Cribley	Wash	Meithen	Sheldort	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Lowe
Jan. 15	LINCOLN CITY	H	2-1	4,731	Tunks	McMahon	Glen	Cribley	Wash	Meithen	Lowe	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Lowe
Jan. 22	Bradford City	A	1-0	4,741	Tunks	McMahon	Glen	Cribley	Wash	Meithen	Lowe†	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Williams
Jan. 29	DONCASTER R	H	0-3	4,389	Tunks	McMahon	Glen	Cribley	Wash	Meithen	Lowe†	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Houghton

* Goal Scored - Caton (own goal)

THIRD DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

as at Sunday, 30th January, 1983.

	Home						Away						Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Lincoln City.....	25	12	0	1	41	8	5	2	5	14	15	53	
Cardiff City	26	10	1	1	24	10	6	3	5	23	24	52	
Portsmouth.....	26	10	0	2	25	10	5	4	5	17	20	49	
Bristol Rovers.....	27	11	2	1	41	10	3	3	7	19	24	47	
Huddersfield Town .	26	9	4	0	35	10	4	3	6	14	20	46	
Oxford United.....	25	6	6	0	24	13	7	1	5	21	15	46	
Newport County ...	26	7	5	2	25	15	5	2	5	19	18	43	
Southend United ...	26	8	3	2	29	15	3	2	8	12	19	38	
WIGAN ATHLETIC	27	8	0	6	25	19	4	2	7	20	25	38	
Plymouth Argyle ...	25	9	0	3	20	14	2	4	7	17	28	37	
Brentford.....	27	9	2	3	37	19	1	4	8	21	32	36	
Gillingham	26	6	3	4	19	15	3	4	6	12	15	34	
Bradford City	26	6	5	2	25	17	2	4	7	14	24	33	
Orient.....	27	7	2	5	25	25	3	1	9	9	32	33	
Sheffield United ...	24	7	3	3	22	13	1	4	6	8	18	31	
Exeter City	28	6	3	5	26	24	1	7	6	21	38	31	
AFC Bournemouth .	27	5	4	3	18	11	3	3	9	11	35	31	
Wrexham.....	26	6	4	3	15	10	1	5	7	8	28	30	
Doncaster Rovers ..	27	5	7	2	32	25	2	1	10	11	26	29	
Walsall.....	25	6	3	4	16	15	1	4	7	16	28	28	
Reading	27	6	4	4	24	20	0	5	8	15	33	27	
Chesterfield	26	4	3	6	18	14	2	5	6	10	20	26	
Preston North End .	26	3	7	2	18	13	2	0	12	16	35	22	
Millwall	25	4	6	2	16	14	0	4	9	11	28	22	

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Comments from the Chair



GOOD afternoon and a warm welcome to you all and to the players, directors and supporters of Chesterfield, who in mid-week reminded us yet again of the topsy-turvy state of the Third Division by beating Newport. Last week's disastrous result here against Doncaster showed that we are as involved in the unpredictability of the Division as anyone. I was not too depressed by the result, however, as it was a freak wind and I felt whatever we did, we were not going to get the little breaks near goal that make all the difference. Those of you who have been watching football as long, or longer than I have, will remember many such games in your time.

I have picked up through letters and comments that some supporters believe that this club does not want to go into the Second Division and that the players are instructed accordingly. I must state here and now that this is nonsense. The Second Division holds no fears for us and essential ground improvements could be both staged and subsidised by the League if we gained promotion. Our players are on bonuses to win and have the promise of excellent bonuses for winning promotion and none of them would know how to play to lose — the manager sees to that.

Obviously, promotion would cause us many headaches, but the first one would be after the celebrations that the Board of

Directors, players and fans had in May, so I hope we hear no more of such talk.

You will all have read, no doubt, of the clubs negotiations with the Council over financial aid for the club. We have been negotiating with them for some time and I would repeat that this is not a panic measure but rather one in which the Directors aim to secure the future of the club. This may seem a contradiction to some of you, but at the moment we are spending more than we are earning and have been doing so for some time.

We are restructuring the finances of the club to ensure that this does not continue, but in the meantime, we have to eliminate our accrued debt so that we can start afresh. Wigan Athletic is going to be here for a long time to come and we intend to make sure that it's organisation is put on a strong footing. This whole episode is not a matter of flying the distress signal because the ship is sinking, but one of mending the holes before they get big enough to make it sink.

Enjoy the game,

Freddie Pye, Chairman.



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"HERE NEXT"
Tuesday, 15th February, 1983.
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WIGAN ATHLETIC v. EXETER CITY
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE



**WIGAN
ATHLETIC**
(Royal Blue & White Stripe)

- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 John McMahon
- 3 David Glenn
- 4 Alex Cribley
- 5 Steve Walsh
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 David Lowe
- 8 Graham Barrow
- 9 John Butler
- 10 Eamon O'Keefe
- 11 Jimmy Weston
- 12 Peter Houghton

OFFICIALS

Referee:
MR. C. N. SEEL
(Carlisle)

Started refereeing in 1961 and from local leagues progressed via Northern Regional, Northern Floodlit, Central and Irish Leagues to the Football League List. Has refereed a number of important League matches, and officiated in three F.A. Cup Semi-Finals and an Amateur Cup Final at Wembley as well as Anglo-Italian and Fairs Cup matches in Italy and Spain. Refereed 1979 Challenge Vase Final.

He is married, with two daughters, and works as a Composer. Keen on gardening, do-it-yourself, and enjoys all sports, and has a particular interest in youth club football. Serves on several local football and refereeing committees, and is a local hospital broadcaster.

Linesmen:

(Red Flag)
Mr. G. Busfield
(Sutton-in-Craven)

(Yellow Flag)
Mr. W. A. Flood
(New Moston)

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(Red/Black)

- 1 Paul Gregory
- 2 Gary Bellamy
- 3 John Partridge
- 4 Mick Gooding
- 5 Bill Green
- 6 Gary Pollard
- 7 Calvin Plumber
- 8 David Windridge
- 9 Martin Henderson
- 10 Andy Kowalski
- 11 Steve Kendal
- 12 Paul Ivey